

Specsavers Clinical Placement

Information for Students



Specsavers

Our Purpose

why are we here

To change lives through better sight and hearing

Our Values

what we stand for

We care for one another

We do the right thing

for our customers, our patients,
our partners, our colleagues, our
communities and our environment

We deliver on our promises



Curious

We question, explore and seek out diverse perspectives to develop our knowledge and understanding



Collaborative

We work together as one Specsavers to deliver our purpose



Compassionate

We care, support and help each other



Courageous

We challenge the status quo, we experiment with good ideas and we are brave, bold and fast in our decision making



Commercial

We treat money wisely and make decisions that are good for our customers, our partners, our people and good for the long term

Our behaviours

how we get things done

Changing lives through better sight & hearing

At Specsavers our mission is to change lives through better sight and hearing by providing the highest level of patient care. As health care professionals, optometrists aim to provide the best possible health outcomes for patients using their knowledge of how the eye functions to treat and manage vision challenges. Which is why our sustainable healthcare strategy focuses on earlier detection, earlier diagnosis, earlier referrals, and earlier treatment.

How do we do it? By embracing technology, investing in professional development, and working collaboratively. When you join us as a graduate optometrist, you will become part of our cohort that is changing the state of eye health in Australia and New Zealand. Using clinical benchmark reporting and regularly monitoring patient data, you will become an eye health professional making a measurable difference.

Our impact on avoidable blindness

Our optometrists are at the forefront of improving detection, referral and diagnosis rates for eye diseases and eye conditions across Australia and New Zealand. Our optometrists are committed to reducing the rate of avoidable blindness and improving sight through the prescription of glasses and contact lenses. We also work closely with the eye care industry, collaborating with RANZCO on referral guidelines and patient education, along with supporting services such as; Glaucoma

AU, Glaucoma NZ and Diabetes Australia. We also integrated e-referral platform Oculo and the Australian diabetes eye check reminder program KeepSight – of which Specsavers is a founding partner.



Why choose Specsavers for your Clinical Placement?

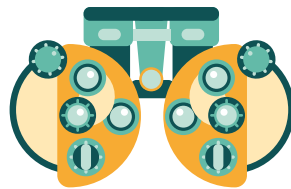
At Specsavers, we aim to provide affordable, accessible and high-quality optometry and audiology services to everybody. Our equipment and technology strategies, our close working relationships with key eye health stakeholders, and our major investments into professional development all contribute to our mission to transform the eye health of Australians and New Zealanders.

Gain a first-hand understanding of the way we work by choosing to complete a placement with Specsavers as part of your journey towards becoming a qualified optometrist:



Variety through volume

Our practices have a large patient base that will expose you to a broad range of optometric presentations and provide relevant experience to prepare you for professional practice.



Equipment & Technology

See how we use the latest technology, including OCT as standard, to provide comprehensive eyecare services and improve patient outcomes.



Large network

With over 440 stores, you can find a Specsavers practice in a location that suits your preferences - from metropolitan to outer regional areas.



Locally owned practices

Learn from the optometrist and retail directors, who will be able to provide you with insight into how their practice fits into the healthcare system in their community.



Dedicated & experienced Supervisors

Specsavers supervisors volunteer to host student placements because they are genuinely committed to helping train the next generation of optometrists.

The Process



Before you start

- Dedicated Graduate Recruitment Consultant to support you with arranging clinical placements across the Specsavers network
- Access to online orientation resources to prepare you for placement

- Structured on-boarding program delivered by your in-store mentor/s and wider store team
- Financial support available for some regional placements



When you start



During placement

- Active follow-up and support from your dedicated Graduate Recruitment Consultant
- Acquire real-world experience across all aspects of the optometric profession
- Support systems to ensure you achieve your personal goals during placement

- Talk to your Graduate Recruitment Consultant about opportunities for graduate employment and receive ongoing support throughout the recruitment process



After placement

Hear what past students have to say

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Specsavers improved my clinical skills as I was able to develop the confidence as time went on to manage such patients effectively and build on my skills from that exposure.

Hodan Geereh
Deakin University

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I was able to utilize all equipment on offer at Specsavers, including autorefractors, OCT, fundus photos, and non-contact tonometry. This allowed me to gain better testing proficiency leading into my accreditation exams, as well as giving me experience with the equipment that I would use day-to-day as an optometrist.

Asta Johnson
University of Canberra

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By undertaking various placements with Specsavers, I was able to explore my areas of interest and determine the type of optometrist I wanted to become in the future.

Kim Siong
Queensland University of Technology

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The supportive environment and constant encouragement from the Specsavers team made it a safe place to learn, where I was encouraged to think that each improvement that could be made was a learning opportunity.

Kyden Kho
Flinders University

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At Specsavers, you feel much more connected to the responsibility of diagnosing/managing patients which truly prepares you for when you're a fully qualified optometrist. My supervisors were very approachable and flexible in arranging the demographic of patients.

Jordan Yip
University of Western Australia

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Completing placements at a regional Specsavers transformed my perception of optometry and the practice in regional settings. I was exposed to a volume of patients, each presenting challenging cases and unique personalities.

Anthony Ly
University of New South Wales

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The team worked cohesively with each other and me, and all the patients who walked through the door felt safe, welcome, and valued. My placement was invaluable and aided in improving my communication skills, and my knowledge of different eye conditions.

Arsheep Gill
University of Melbourne

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Johnny Pau
University of Auckland



The **Great Place to Work** status was accredited to our ANZ region for the second year in a row, with 84% (Australia) and 82% (New Zealand) of our store teams and 89% (Australia) and 87% (New Zealand) of our support office colleagues stating that Specsavers is a Great Place to Work.



In 2023, Specsavers ranked 8th **Best Workplace** in Australia.





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